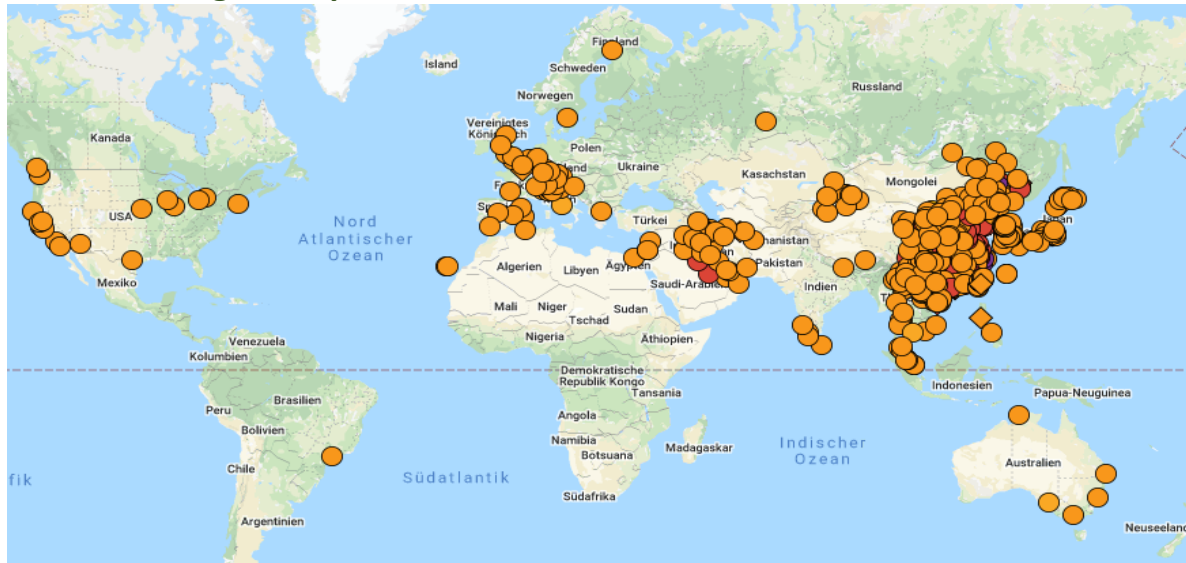# Coronavirus Disease – COVID-19
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- The death toll from the coronavirus outbreak is over 2,700 worldwide, with the vast majority in mainland China. There have been more than 80,000 global cases.

- **Brazil'**s heath minister confirmed today that a 61-year-old Brazilian man who arrived in Sao Paulo after traveling to Italy is the first case of novel coronavirus in Brazil.

- **Greece** has confirmed its first case of the novel coronavirus, a 38-year-old woman in Thessaloniki. The woman, currently being treated in hospital, recently returned from an affected area in northern Italy and is in good condition, a health ministry spokeswoman said. Authorities are checking whom she has been in contact with.

- **Algeria** reports first coronavirus case from Italian citizen. North African country becomes second on the continent to confirm presence of Covid-19.

- A 60-year-old man in Paris has become the first French national to die from the coronavirus, director general of the French health authority, Jerome Salomon, told reporters today. Separately, two other new coronavirus cases were reported in the country, one of them a 55-year-old French man being treated in a hospital in Amiens. He is in a serious condition, Salomon said. The other is a 36-year-old French man in Strasbourg.

- Three out of eight Russians who were evacuated from the Diamond Princess cruise ship in Japan were diagnosed with coronavirus.

- WHO expert who led a delegation to Wuhan has warned countries outside China are "simply not ready" for a pandemic.

- Yesterday a joint team between WHO and the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control arrived in Rome to review the public health measures that have been put in place and provide technical support.

- A WHO team will travel to Iran this weekend to provide support.

- Guests at the H10 Costa Adeje Palace on the Spanish resort island of Tenerife are confused over the situation at the hotel, which was partially put on lockdown yesterday as an Italian man at the hotel tested positive for the coronavirus overnight.

- A hotel in the Austrian city of Innsbruck remains under lockdown after its Italian receptionist tested positive.

- More than 4,000 people have been detained for "epidemic-related" criminal offences in China. Meanwhile, Singapore has charged two Chinese citizens, one of whom is from Wuhan and was infected with the virus, with lying about their travel history.

- India has sent China 15 tons of medical relief material to help in the battle against coronavirus.

- The Armenian government says it has closed its border with Iran, as several coronavirus cases spreading through the Middle East appear to have links with one Iranian province.

Countries	Cases	Deaths	Recovered
Mainland China	78,073	2,715	30,049
South Korea	1,261	12	24
Diamond Princess	705	4	10
Italy	374	12	2
Japan	172	2	23
Iran	139	19	25
Singapore	93	0	62
Hong Kong	89	2	18
USA	59	0	6
Thailand	40	0	22
Taiwan	32	1	5
Bahrain	26	0	0
Kuwait	25	0	0
Australia	23	0	15
Malaysia	22	0	20
Germany	19	0	15
France	17	2	11
Vietnam	16	0	16
U.K.	13	0	8
U.A.E	13	0	3
Canada	12	0	3
Spain	12	0	2
Macao	10	0	6
Iraq	5	0	0
Oman	4	0	0
Philippines	3	1	2
India	3	0	3
Austria	2	0	0
Croatia	2	0	0
Israel	2	0	0
Russia	2	0	2
Afghanistan	1	0	0
Algeria	***1***	***0***	***0***
Greece	***1***	***0***	***0***
Brazil	***1***	***0***	***0***
Belgium	1	0	1
Cambodia	1	0	1
Lebanon	1	0	0
Egypt	1	0	1
Sri Lanka	1	0	1
Finland	1	0	1
Nepal	1	0	1
Switzerland	1	0	0
Sweden	1	0	0
Total	**81,279**	**2,770**	**30,358**

- Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer is preparing a detailed Senate Democrat request for emergency coronavirus funding totaling $8.5 billion, a senior senate Democratic aide tells CNN. Schumer's request is expected to be finalized this morning and sent to appropriators.
- There are 42 cases of Americans with coronavirus who were repatriated to the United States from the Diamond Princess cruise ship in Japan, according to Health and Human Services Alex Azar.
- The South Korean government has also rolled out a new phone app, which requires travelers entering the country to self-diagnose themselves and report any possible symptoms.

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Funding opportunities for researchers

Possible funding - The Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI):

- https://www.euresearch.ch/en/euresearch-services/we-inform/newsletter/archive/e-alerts/e-alerts/article/imi-about-to-launch-a-call-on-the-new-coronavirus/

Wellcome Trust:

- https://wellcome.ac.uk/funding/schemes/epidemic-preparedness-covid-19

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease:

- https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-AI-20-030.html

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